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## **Newport man pleads guilty to Warren bank robberies**

**Thomas L. Woodward**, 32, of Newport, has pled guilty to federal bank robbery charges, admitting that he robbed tellers at the same Bank of Newport branch in Warren on two separate occasions last fall.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Woodward entered on September 25 before U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on October 25, 2005, Woodward leapt over the teller's counter at the Bank of Newport branch on Market Street, Warren, and demanded money. The tellers opened the cash drawers and he fled with \$4,336. On November 8, Woodward entered the same branch, again leapt over the counter, demanded money, and fled with \$4,778.

Following an investigation by Warren Police, Newport Police, Swansea Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Woodward was arrested on November 17.

Woodward is detained pending sentencing, which is scheduled for December 15.

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